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Senate Bills 227 and 228 (as introduced 2-26-97)

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Committee: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs

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CONTENT

<u>Senate Bill 227</u> would amend Article 20 of the Occupational Code, which regulates architects, professional engineers, and land surveyors, to include a limited liability company (LLC) in the Article's definition of "firm" and include a member of an LLC in the Article's definition of "principal". Currently, "firm" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation through which a person licensed under Article 20 offers or provides a service to the public. "Principal" means "a sole proprietor, partner, or the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, or director of a corporation".

<u>Senate Bill 228</u> would amend the Michigan Limited Liability Company Act to specify that a professional LLC could engage in the practice of architecture, professional engineering, or professional surveying in Michigan if at least two-thirds of the company's members were licensed in this State to render the professional service offered. The Act currently provides that a professional LLC may render one or more professional services, and each member and manager must be a person licensed in one or more of the professional services rendered by the company.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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